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Dear Charles:

Enclosed is a copy of s Action issued by the Patent Office on Ja , 1993 in connection with this case. A Res e is due on April 28, 1993, and the application must be allowed, or an appeal or continuation filed by July 28, 1993 to prevent abandonment.

In summary, two of the independent claims are allowed (claims 7 and 61) and two are rejected (claims 1 and 62). More particularly, claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 11, 21, 24, 33, 34, 54, 55, 62 and 63 are finally rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by a newly-cited U.S. patent (Tsay et al. Pat. No. 4,716,120). Claims 12-15, 17-20, 22, 23, 25-29, 35, 36, 40-47 and 49-52 are finally rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Tsay et al. Product claim 48 was provisionally withdrawn from consideration per your telephonic instructions. The remaining claims 2, 3, 6-9, 16, 30-32, 37-39, 53, 56-61 and 64 either have been allowed, or will be allowed if rewritten in a manner suggested by the Examiner.

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